

TRACY STONE-MANNING

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, of all days, amidst the ongoing flurry of dysfunction, Democrat leader CHUCK SCHUMER is inserting a vote to confirm Tracy Stone-Manning as director of the Bureau of Land Management through the United States Senate, hidden from the view and the attention of local communities.

For months, my Western Caucus colleagues and I have been pleading with our Senate colleagues to listen to the voices of those who have spoken up of Ms. Stone-Manning's radical views, her violations of several Federal laws, and her collusion with ecoterrorists.

Ms. Stone-Manning is simply, clearly, and patently unfit to hold this office. Even several Obama administration officials, including his BLM director, agree.

Let me be clear, a vote for Tracy Stone-Manning is a vote against farmers, ranchers, our public land users, and our rural communities throughout the West.

This is a shameful display of hyperpartisanship. The Senate should reject her nomination and recognize that rural America deserves better.

WE ARE A NATION OF LAWS

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I had the privilege of visiting the border with President Trump in June to see our Border Patrol agents doing one of the most dangerous jobs imaginable. They face the threat of MS-13 and violent drug cartels who have been empowered and enriched by the Biden administration.

Sadly, the left is vilifying the Border Patrol the same way they vilified our police officers during the defund the police movement.

The American people want secure borders and safe communities. Even President Obama this week said Biden's open border policies are unsustainable because we are a nation with borders. I want to thank President Obama for affirming that we are a nation of laws and a nation with borders, and I hope the Biden administration will listen to him.

TAXES WILL BE RAISED

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this debt ceiling increase being contemplated isn't just about paying off things we have already committed for. It is actually a blank check for unlimited spending until December of 2022.

Our collective national debt is somewhere around \$28 trillion now, or about \$85,000 per person. Every American.

Now, in 2013 the lie of the year was named, "If you like your health plan, you can keep it." In the Biden campaign, it was, "Nobody making under \$400,000 would have their taxes raised, period." That is setting up to be the next lie of the year.

The effects we see of this legislation will be 5 percent of taxpayers earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and 59 percent of those earning between \$200,000 and \$500,000 would be affected greatly by increased taxes.

Let that sink in. The President's plan will raise taxes on people making as low as \$40,000, not the \$400,000 he promised.

We should be talking about hard caps on spending and getting our fiscal house in order instead of spending on the Green New Deal that is coming up.

PARTISAN SPENDING WILL HARM OUR COUNTRY

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the Democrats' now estimated \$4.3 trillion budget reconciliation bill that calls for the highest sustained Federal spending levels in American history.

Combined with the infrastructure bill, this results in a partisan \$5.5 trillion package that will further hurt our economy and, most importantly, the American people.

This legislation is filled with a spending spree of far-left policies before the government is funded for next year at a time when inflation is at a 13-year high. Everyday goods are more expensive for Americans, while the purchasing power of an hour of work has declined by 0.7 percent over the last year.

Families are paying more and making less, and trillions more in government spending would only exacerbate this economic crisis.

Madam Speaker, the American people should not have to bear the brunt of the Democrats' agenda. I firmly oppose the legislation that solely focuses on the left's priorities while furthering our national debt. I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MATRIC GROUP

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Matric Group located in Venango County, Pennsylvania.

What originally started out as a hobby by two electrical engineers has now turned into a \$60-plus million company with three locations across western Pennsylvania and more than 300 employees.

The Matric Group is celebrating a major milestone this year, 50 years of electronic manufacturing.

The electronics field is developing at lightning speed, and Matric Group has continued to adapt to the ever-growing changes. It is this angle of their businesses which drives them to success.

As customers discover outdated or obsolete components, Matric Group is there to help respin or redesign to keep their current products relevant.

For the past 50 years, Matric Group has been a strong cornerstone in our community. The commitment and determination of President Turner and the entire workforce is admirable.

Congratulations to Rick Turner and the rest of the Matric Group team. May you find success for another 50 years.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective October 2, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: